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Dear Dr. Sovern:

I was disappointed when, due to your busy schedule, you were unable to join with me and a few of your colleagues from other colleges and universities on March 18th. From the comments of the academic participants, I believe that the program that day was of interest to them. For my part, I know that I and my associates here at the Central Intelligence Agency benefited from the suggestions proffered by our guests both on how we in the Agency could better do our jobs and how we could further improve relations with academe.

The exercise was of such value to me that I have decided to hold a similar meeting with another small group of presidents on October 13th. I do hope that you will be able to join me on that date. The program will be similar to the one for last March; i.e., to begin about 9:00 a.m. and continue to around 4:00 p.m.; to consist of short meetings with me at the beginning and end of the day and, between those two meetings, a series of briefings by senior Agency officials on how we carry out our role in government.

My Coordinator for Academic Affairs, [REDACTED] has already been in touch with a member of your staff and will be available to discuss details of your visit if, as I hope, you will be able to join me on October 13th.

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Sincerely,

William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence

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